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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 11, 13, 14, 18-21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31-34 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 15-17, 23 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 10, 22, 26, 27 and 35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claims 9, 10, 22, 26, 27 and 35 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claims 9 and 10, line 3 recite "combination". It is unclear if the applicant is referring to a combination lock or the cabinet-safe combination.

Claim 22, line 2 – delete "at" before "means".

Claims 26 and 28, line 1 – delete "1."

Claim 27, line 1 – delete "25."

Claims 27 and 35 delete the "." before subsection e).

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 12, 15-17, 23 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "said deposit actuator front wall". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. If claim 12 were dependent upon claims 5 or 6 rather than claim 1 the limitation would have antecedent basis.

Claim 15 recites the limitation "the door lock". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 23 recites the limitation "said deposit actuator front wall". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. If claim 23 were dependent upon claim 18 rather than claim 14 the limitation would have antecedent basis.

Claim 30 recites the limitation "said deposit actuator front wall". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 9, 10, 22, 26, 27 and 35 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objections noted above.

5. Claims 12, 15-17, 23 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 1-8, 11, 13, 14, 18-21, 24, 25, 28, 29 and 31-34 are allowed.

#### ***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 703-305-0444. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on 703-308-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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